DOS & DON'TS

of SaaS Negotiation









TAKE CONTROL OF TIME

Starting negotiations as early as possible will give you a clear advantage.



PLAN THE UNEXPECTED

Make key decisions that limit your risk. Things may change over the process.



Ask specific questions and get answers in writing. Don't assume anything!



CREATE A BACKUP PLAN

Check competitor's price that is lower or otherwise more favorable.



UNDERSTAND YOUR COMPANY NEEDS

Difference between musthaves and nice-to-haves when you're negotiating.



ENTER NEGOTIATIONS ALONE

DON'T

You can get experience on your side by hiring support for your negotiation.



SETTLE FOR INACCURATE INFORMATION

Be thorough and comprehensive as you prepare for SaaS negotiations.

ACCEPT THE FIRST OFFER

Skip the first offer and move to a second round. Their first offer isn't their best offer.



BE PREPARED

Create a strategic plan to bring the best possible outcome for your company.



FOCUS ON SMALL GOALS

Break the negotiation into small goals and focus on meeting those ones.



THINK WHAT YOU'LL SAY

Plan out what you'll say before the negotiations begin.



FIND BALANCE

Many negotiators are either too friendly or too tough. It's important to strike a balance.



RATIONALE FOR LOWER PRICES

SaaS providers always have flexibility to provide discounts.